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Krejci Dump Site Clean-Up is Complete, Restoration to Start

Brecksville, Ohio – The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce that the former Krejci Dump Site along Hines Hill Road in Cuyahoga Valley National Park has attained the rigorous goals set for soil remediation and final restoration actions are scheduled to begin.


The excavation and removal of approximately 371,000 tons of contaminated soils and debris has been completed. The comprehensive post-excavation soil sampling effort establishes that remediation goals for the 46-acre former dump site have been met. Final restoration and re-vegetation of the site will soon commence. The Krejci site will be eventually covered in native meadows and wetlands, blending into the surrounding natural areas of the park, and open to the public.

“We are very pleased to complete the soil clean-up remediation after working on this project for many years. The next phase of restoration will begin soon and by next year we hope to have set the Krejci Site on a path to full recovery,” said Superintendent Stan Austin.

The Krejci site was operated as a municipal and industrial dump from around 1950 to 1980. Contaminants affecting human health and safety (e.g., PCBs, dioxin/furans, benzene, heavy metals) were identified at the site after the NPS took possession of the property in 1985.

To ensure that those parties responsible for the contamination bore the costs of their waste disposal practices, the federal government filed suit in 1997 pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) against companies that had arranged for disposal of their wastes at the site.

Filed in the Northern District of Ohio and presided over by Judge David Dowd, the litigation was successfully resolved on Earth Day 2002, resulting in cost recovery and natural resource damages of approximately \$21 million dollars. Performance of the site remedial action valued at \$30 million dollars. Under the terms of a Consent Decree entered by a federal court in April 2002, Ford Motor Co., with



assistance from General Motors, agreed to perform the clean-up. Ford's contractor, EQ Industrial Services, Inc. (EQIS) has been implementing the action under the oversight of the National Park Service in consultation with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

The final clean-up action began in September 2005, with the initial major excavation completed in September 2007. Additional excavations and retesting of soil continued until all remediation goals were met throughout the site. The final steps necessary to restore the Site may now begin, including final grading; re-vegetation using native meadow grasses, forbs and shrubs; and restoration of 3 acres of wetland and wet meadow habitats. The NPS expects this work to be largely completed before the end of 2012.

Additional background information and updates on this project can be found at:
<http://www.nps.gov/cuva/parknews/krejci.htm>

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